found it effectual in the case of persons advanced in life, who had been accustomed to the moderate, but increasing use of spirituous liquors; and who at length have considered it impossible to procure a quiet night's sleep without a preparatory draught of this kind taken warm at bed time. In such cases I have found a teaspoonful of the tincture of hops to go as far in its composing effect, as two or three ounces of ardent spirit.

Mr. Freake, who published in the Medical and Physical Journal some account of the properties of this medicine, states that he had found it decidedly advantageous in erysipelas, in gout and in some other diseases. He considers its beneficial effects to arise from its alterative and tonic power on the system. He thinks it sedative, aperient and diuretic; and a good antiseptic and corroborant in bowel complaints. In his practice he had found pain to be eased and rest procured with this medicine, when opium did not succeed.

Dr. Maton found that besides allaying pain and procuring sleep, the preparations of hops were capable of reducing the frequency of the pulse, and increasing its firmness in a direct manner. One drachm of the tincture and four grains of the extract given once in six hours reduced the pulsations from ninety six to sixty in

the course of twenty four hours. He found the extract very efficacious in allaying the pain of of articular rheumatism.

Some experiments of Dr. Bigsby and others have not been found to confirm the previous character of this article in all the foregoing respects, and its sedative powers have been called in question. As in most new medicines, its virtues have doubtless been exaggerated by its earliest advocates; yet it is not on this account to be discarded from use. Although the narcotic powers of the hop are not of the most energetic kind, they nevertheless do exist, and the very circumstance of their mild and temperate influence renders them, in many cases, safer than those of more active drugs.

In regard to the lithontriptic power which has been imputed to hops both alone, and through the medium of malt liquors, it is not probable that they have any operation of this sort, beyond that of a palliative.

The external application of hops has long had the popular reputation of being anodyne and composing. A pillow of hops is thought instrumental in procuring sleep, but with what justice I am unable to say. Poultices and fomentations made of them are in repute as sedative applications for

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